

Fires Bulletin 2013 Photo Contest

The *Fires Bulletin's* annual photo contest obtains high-quality photos that tell the story of today's U.S. artillery professionals conducting training or engaged in full-spectrum operations. The competition is open to all military or DoD civilian personnel. Entries will not be returned. Any photos (even those not 'winning' the contest) may be used by the Fires Center of Excellence; however, appropriate photographic credit will always be given to the photographer.

- **Photo Categories** - There are two main categories in the 2013 contest, with each category containing two divisions.

1. Field Artillery

- Combat / Full Spectrum Operations
- Training for Combat / Full Spectrum Operations

2. Air Defense Artillery

- Combat / Full Spectrum Operations
- Training for Combat / Full Spectrum Operations

- **Prize Winners: 1st and 2nd place winners will be awarded for each division.**

1. 1st Place Winners will have their photos featured on a full page in the Jan-Feb 2014 *Fires Bulletin* and in the 2014 Fires Center of Excellence calendar. They will also receive a two-star note and commander's coin from the Commander of the Fires Center of Excellence, along appropriate branch (FA or ADA) memorabilia.
2. 2nd Place Winners will have their photos featured on a half page in the Jan-Feb 2014 *Fires Bulletin* and in the 2014 Fires Center of Excellence calendar. They will also receive a two-star note from the Commander of the Fires Center of Excellence, along with appropriate branch (FA or ADA) memorabilia.

- **Contest Rules:**

1. Entries must be received no later than 1 November 2013.
2. Only photos taken in the last 24 months are eligible for submission.
3. Each photo must be a jpg or tif image with little or no compression and a minimum dpi of 300.
4. Images cannot be manipulated in any way by image editing software.
5. Winning photos from past contests are not eligible for resubmission.
5. Photos cannot be copyright protected or owned by another agency or publication.

6. Soldiers appearing in the photos MUST BE IN PROPER UNIFORM to qualify for prize award.

7. The owner of the photograph must either submit the photo or provide written and signed approval for the photograph to be entered into the contest on his/her behalf.

• **Judging:** Judging will be at the discretion of the *Fires Bulletin* and the Commander of the Fires Center of Excellence. Winners will be officially announced in the 2013 Red Book, dated Jan/Feb 2014.

• **Photo submissions:**

1. Each photo submission must include the photographer's name, unit/affiliation, e-mail address, mailing address, including zip code, and a phone number.
2. Caption information must include the 5 "Ws": who, from what unit, is doing what, where and when (date photo was taken – for example: "SGT Joe B. Smith, C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 20th Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry Division, fires the M109A6 Paladin howitzer during unit qualification training at Fort Hood, Texas, January 5th, 2013."

• **Address for submissions:**

1. Photos can be sent via e-mail or compact disk and will not be returned.
2. E-mail the image file (one image per e-mail) to *Fires Bulletin* at fires.bulletin@us.army.mil, with a subject of "2013 Photo Contest/Entry Category – your last name.
3. Mail CD's to *Fires Bulletin*, ATTN: Photo Contest, P.O. Box 33311, Fort Sill, OK 73503.
4. FedEx or UPS submissions to *Fires Bulletin*, ATTN: Photo Contest, 652 Hamilton Road, room 203, Fort Sill, OK 73503.

• **NOTE:** Submissions (even those not selected for prizes) may be used at the discretion of the *Fires Bulletin* and Fires Center of Excellence STRATCOM staff.

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